

THE ASSASSIN.

Something About Guiteau and the Bulldog Pistol.

District Attorney Corkhill's Estimate of His Mental Calibre.

An Egotist Without any Inclination for Morals or Affairs.

His Mind Affected by the Abuse Heaped Upon Garfield.

Cincinnati Enquirer.

New York, September 27.—I returned to New York this morning, having had the benefit of three reflective days at the national capital following the removal of President Garfield's remains.

I went to the district attorney's office, and spent about two hours there alone with him, inspecting the implements of the crime and obtaining Mr. Corkhill's theory concerning it.

After Mr. Corkhill took his office, and long before the assassination of Mr. Garfield, he had engaged to write a local analysis of the crime of Booth, the killer of Mr. Lincoln.

Mr. Corkhill began by opening a large safe and producing a pistol with a white bone handle, a very thick, squarish assemblage of metal at the revolving part and a short barrel, with a sight at the end of it.

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and it frightened him. While he was wondering there was another shot, and he felt the glass in his back which he takes out by the window here or there cracked, as if struck by a ball.

"Here," said the district attorney, "are some photographs of him just as good as they can be taken. If you were to go down to the jail and see him you could have no better idea of him than you can get from these pictures."

I took a series of these pictures in my hand, and observed at once that the type of the assassin was French. He looked to me like a low Frenchman—like those around the barriers of Paris—one who would steal or eat diseased meat, or spy the police in both directions whenever he came out of his house.

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appears to value everything he does at the highest. I should call him an egotist; that he never indulged in an instant's feeling of spite against them. He wanted to be consul to Paris, and thought his claims were considerable—enough to get him the position; but while waiting for this place the other idea seems to have crossed his mind, that he could harmonize the republicanism party by putting Garfield out of the way and letting Arthur succeed him.

"What do think, colonel, about his being revengeful?"

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